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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7217**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 566**

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 16, 2011

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Reentry Court Sentence Modification.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Lanane

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill permits a reentry court to reduce or suspend a sentence without the approval of the prosecuting attorney if more than 365 days have elapsed since the person began serving the sentence and the person has successfully completed a reentry court program.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2011.

**Explanation of State Expenditures: Summary:** The bill could reduce expenditures for the Department of Correction to the extent that some offenders could have their sentence reduced or suspended by a court without the approval of the prosecuting attorney, thereby reducing the offenders' length of stay at a state correctional facility. The amount of cost savings will depend on the number of prisoners released under the conditions specified in the bill and amount of time the term of incarceration is reduced.

**Background:** The average expenditure to house an adult offender was \$19,307 in FY 2010. (This does not include the cost of new construction.) If offenders can be housed in existing facilities with no additional staff, the marginal cost for medical care, food, and clothing is approximately \$4,818 annually, or \$13.20 daily, per prisoner. The estimated average cost of housing a juvenile in a state juvenile facility was \$68,260 in FY 2010.

There are six reentry courts in Indiana, including one each in Allen, Grant, LaPorte, Madison, Marion, and Vanderburgh Counties. Two reentry courts are being planned for Howard County; one for adults and one for juveniles.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Correction.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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